

recent decades, the number of women pursuing breast reconstruction has continued to increase. In 2019 alone, 107,238 breast reconstructive procedures were performed in the United States—a 36 percent increase since 2000 when 78,832 procedures were performed. Post-mastectomy breast reconstruction is now universally recognized as a gold standard component of comprehensive breast cancer treatment. Breast reconstruction has been proven to significantly improve a woman's psychological and physical well-being, providing self-assurance, and affording women a new beginning.

The final stage of breast reconstruction surgery is to the nipple-areolar complex. This results in fully restoring the breast to a natural, symmetric appearance. This is achieved by a combination of tattooing with or without the addition of a surgical procedure to create a nipple. At times, tattooing is the only option for nipple-areolar reconstruction in patients that may have damaged tissue due to radiation therapy or simply want to avoid an additional surgical procedure. Most commonly, nipple-areolar tattooing is performed in a surgeon's office if a woman selects to have tattooing performed, which is not always the case. However, plastic and reconstructive surgeons are increasingly recognizing that professional tattoo artists can achieve superior results, including an impressively realistic 3-D nipple-areola complex tattoo. The price of tattooing can start at approximately \$400 for a single breast and reach as high as \$1,000 for both breasts.

Greater standardization of insurance coverage for nipple-areolar reconstruction across insurance carriers is needed. In order to achieve this consistency, we need to amend the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA), within the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Further, we need to enhance the requirements for Medicare and Medicaid through the Social Security Act to protect a woman's right to comprehensive breast reconstruction, including nipple-areola complex tattooing.

My bill will:

Amend the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) to state that nipple-areola complex tattooing is medical necessary and is a part of breast reconstruction;

Amend the Social Security Act to require Medicare to follow the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998;

Amend the Social Security Act to add licensed tattoo artists to the list of Medicare providers; and

Amend the Social Security Act to require Medicaid to add nipple-areola complex tattooing (as medically necessary) to the list of required services each State must offer relating to breast cancer reconstruction.

Madam Speaker, as you know, breast cancer can affect not only a woman's physical well-being, but also her psychological well-being. Considering the significant role psychological factors can play in patients' overall well-being, it is essential that comprehensive breast reconstruction, including nipple-areola complex tattooing be required coverage by group health insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid.

I urge my colleagues to assist women in their fight against breast cancer by supporting this important legislation.

HONORING THE FORDHAM UNIVERSITY HENRY C. RAVAZZIN CENTER ON AGING AND INTERGENERATIONAL STUDIES

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American institution of research and higher learning.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Fordham University Henry C. Ravazzin Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies. The Henry C. Ravazzin Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies is nationally recognized for its strong partnerships with community organizations to enhance research and evaluation initiatives. The Center has been recognized for empowering students, professionals, and communities to address the needs of older adults and their families through practice, policy, and research.

The Center's work focuses on a broad range of impact areas including Social Work Education, Health Care, Interprofessional Practice, Palliative Care, Intergenerational Care, Community Program Evaluation, Foster Care and Family Supports, Loneliness and Social Isolation.

The Center was established in 1995 by the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service under the leadership of the former Dean, Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta, and Dr. Irene Gutheil, the first chair of the Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies. Dean Dr. Debra McPhee has led the Center since 2013, overseeing recent expansions of study and services along with Endowed Chairwoman, Dr. Janna Heyman.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in officially recognizing the Fordham University Henry C. Ravazzin Center on Aging and Intergenerational Studies in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for its significant contributions to an improved quality of life for older adults and their families over the past 25 years.

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RECOGNIZING MARK JAGO'S SERVICE AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPUTY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate Mark Jago on culminating his service as the Pennsylvania State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus on June 30, 2020, and for his years of service to the U.S. Army, the Parish of St. Patrick in Carlisle, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

State Deputy (SD) Jago joined the Order as a member of Cardinal Gibbons Council 2838 in Fayetteville, NC, in 1983. In 1992, he moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania and transferred into St. Patrick Council 4057, where he became an active member.

In 1994, SD Jago was elected Grand Knight and, under his leadership, the Council

achieved Star Council. He then served as a Trustee for three years, and as Financial Secretary for ten years. An active supporter of the Pro-Life cause, he established his Council's annual bus trip to the March for Life in 1993, and continues to serve as the trip's Bus Captain. Recently, he chaired the Council's Ultrasound Initiative Campaign, which provided a system for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center. SD Jago received the Star Council Membership and Star Council Insurance Awards for the 2015–2016 Fraternal Year.

SD Jago has held numerous fraternal offices within the Order, to include: District Deputy, Harrisburg; Diocesan Chapter President; Central East Regional Chairman; State Free Throw and Soccer Chairman; and State Family Director. In 2005, he was elected as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Chicago. He served as State Secretary in the O'Connor Administration from 2006 to 2008. For the past 25 years, he's been a member of six CE State Convention Committees. In May 2018, he was Co-Chairman—and Registration Chair—of the 120th Annual State Convention, where he was elected State Deputy.

In 1993, SD Jago became a member of the Fourth Degree by joining the Bishop J. W. Shanahan Assembly 917 in Harrisburg. The following year, he was elected Faithful Navigator of that Assembly and became an active member of its Color Corps. Ten years later, he helped form the St. Martin of Tours Assembly 2708 in Carlisle, and served as the inaugural Faithful Navigator for three years. Following that, he served as its Color Corps Commander for four years. In addition to these positions, he served six years as the Harrisburg Diocesan Coordinator for the Fourth Degree. Currently, he is an Assistant Marshal for the Pennsylvania East District.

SD Jago enjoys ceremonial work, traveling to various parts of our jurisdiction, and meeting new members and his Brother Knights. He is certified on all four degree teams. He is Chancellor for the Admission and Formation Degrees, Conferring Officer for the Knighthood Degree, and Narrator for the Patriotic Degree.

For six and a half years, SD Jago served the Brother Knights and their families on an almost daily basis, as a Field Agent for the Mitchell Agency. He earned the designation of Fraternal Insurance Counselor. In addition to SD Jago's impressive service and contributions to the Knights of Columbus, he's also served in our military. SD Jago is a retired U.S. Army Officer, Master Paratrooper, and Canadian Jumpmaster. He served in a variety of Airborne and Special Operations assignments. He was awarded the Honduran Parachutist Badge during Operation Golden Pheasant in 1988. He prepared the intelligence plan for the invasion of Panama in December 1989. A Veteran of the Persian Gulf War, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. As Pentagon Crisis Action Team Chief, he was commended for coordinating military support to civilian authorities during the Oklahoma City Bombing and numerous natural disasters. His patriotism includes membership in the Central PA Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, the Corporal Orlando Newcomer VFW Post 477, and the Fr. Kritch Post 1342 of the Catholic War Veterans of America.

SD Jago is an active member of St. Patrick's Parish. He taught Confirmation classes for the Religious Education Program, and served three years on the Parish Council. As